already been communicated to the Department of Industrial Development for taking a final decision in the matter.

The files relating to the aforesaid two cases, alongwith other records, have been destroyed in the fire which broke out in Krishi Bhawan on 16-10-92.

Import of Wheat

1863. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government have decided to import wheat from U.S.A., Canada and other countries;

(b) if so, what is the quantity and what is the price per quintal; and

(c) whether it would not affect wheat growers in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Government has contracted for import of 2.990 million tonnes of wheat from Canada, Australia and USA in order to increase the domestic availability and thereby prevent sharp rise in wheat prices during the lean season of October-March and further to maintain required supplies of wheat for the Public Distribution System (PDS) in States and Union Territories, including the revamped PDS launched in about 1700 Blocks covering draught-prone, desert, hilly and tribal areas. The quantity contracted country wise and its price per MT is given as under :

Sl. No.	Name of country from which wheat being imported & contract date	Quantity contracted in lakh tonnes	Rate US $ P.M.T. FOB
1.	Canada (19-6-92)	10.05	147.78 (Average)
2.	Australia (25-8-92)	5.00	137.50
3	Australia (8-10-92)	5.00	135.00
4.	USA (6-10-92)	9.85	110.50 (for October-December, 92 Shipment) 112.50 (for January-March, 93 Shipment)

(c) No, Sir.

Visit of Secretary, Ministry of Food to Foreign Countries

1864. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state what are the details of the outcome of the recent foreign visit of Secretary, Ministry of Food in connection with wheat import contracts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : Recently, during the period from 28-9-1992 to 8-10-1992, a 3 member delegation comprising of Secretary (Food), Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser and Joint Commissioner (Quality) visited USA in connection with import of wheat from USA and signed contracts for import of 9.85 lakh tonnes of wheat at subsidised prices under the U.S. Government's Export Enhancement Programme (EEP).

Import of Wheat under U.S. Export Enhancement Programme

1865. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government have permitted export of